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1. IN MY JUDGMENT QUESTIONS RAISED BY USOECD (REF B)  
ARE GOOD QUESTIONS DESERVING OF ATTENTION BUT MY IM-  
PRESSION, PERHAPS AN ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION, IS THAT THESE  
SAME CONCERNS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ASSESSED IN THE MAJOR  
NATO STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS LAUNCHED BY THE  
PRESIDENT IN LONDON WITH THE NATO COUNCIL. IT MIGHT  
THEREFORE BE BETTER TO SEE WHAT RESULTS FROM THAT EFFORT  
AND THEN TO CONSIDER WHAT FOLLOW-UP WORK IS NEEDED AND  
WHERE AND HOW IT COULD BEST BE CARRIED OUT.

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2. THERE IS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS IN THE  
OECD BUT THERE IS ALSO, AS USOECD POINTS OUT, AN UN-  
PROMISING HISTORY WHICH GOES BACK MANY YEARS OF OECD  
EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. TO MY REGRET THE EC COMMISSION AND  
ITS MEMBER STATES WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE US  
OCTOBER 1976 OECD EAST-WEST INITIATIVE AND I SUSPECT

THAT THEIR CONCERNS (REFS C AND D) WOULD PROVE TO BE  
SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME TODAY.

3. IN ANY CASE, MAY I SUGGEST THAT IN FURTHER CONSIDERA-  
TION OF THIS MATTER USNATO BE MADE AN ADDRESSEE.  
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